

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3501**

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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

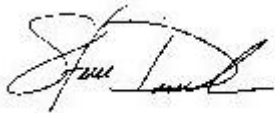
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my disappointment in your executive order to rescind the Mexico City Policy which separated funding for abortion and family planning in America's foreign aid programs. I respectfully urge you to reconsider your position.

First developed in the Reagan Administration, the Mexico City Policy separated family planning activities from abortion, therefore ensuring that groups who promote abortion as a method of family planning would not be able to fund their activities at the expense of American Taxpayers. The policy simply ensured that taxpayer money was not used abroad to fund highly controversial abortion providers. Its repeal sends the wrong message overseas that the United States promotes abortion.

As a pro-life member of Congress, I have a deep respect for human life and am troubled by any policies that threaten it. I appreciate your consideration of my position, and I look forward to working with you and your administration in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Driehaus", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Driehaus  
Member of Congress